

Vision

The vision of the Kentucky Division of Child Care is for all Kentucky families to have access to available, quality child care that is developmentally appropriate, affordable, healthy and safe.



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- To get help finding a child care provider contact the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in your area by calling (817) 316-3552 or visit <http://kentuckypartnership.org/ccrr>
- To apply for child care assistance visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc>
- For information about training and professional development contact the Division of Child Care at (800) 421-1903, or visit <http://chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dcc/>
- For information about licensing and certification contact the Division of Regulated Child Care at (502) 564-7962



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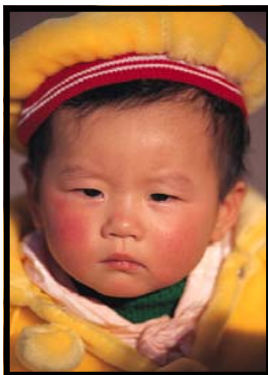


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Purpose

The Division of Child Care supports quality child care through programs and initiatives that promote the improvement and expansion of statewide child care services and resources. The division also provides program coordination for subsidy payments, coordination of professional development and training, promulgates regulations, and develops policy and procedures. The division has three separate program areas.



Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)– This program provides access to quality child care that allows parents to work, to attend education and training programs and to participate in the Kentucky Temporary Assistance Program (K-TAP). Parents may choose one of three types of providers: licensed, certified or registered. There are over 6,500 providers who provide child care services to eligible families in Kentucky. A statewide network is managed by the state to determine eligibility and provide financial support for child care to eligible families. There are contracted service agents in the counties to help administer the program. During SFY 2006, CCAP helped to subsidize over 82,000 children with expenditures totaling \$149,044,891.

Core Community-Based Child Care Services– These services are provided by a statewide network of child resource and referral agencies through a contract with the University of Kentucky, Human Development Institute. The locally based agencies provide families and businesses with consumer education to identify high quality care, referrals to existing care and information about resources to make care affordable. The local CCR&R agencies are a key resource to providing early care and education to professionals through training and technical assistance. In SFY 2006, they provided approximately 1,835 training events for over 27,500 early care and education professionals.

Quality Initiatives– There are two initiatives that are critical to improving outcomes for children.

- The **STARS for KIDS NOW** program is a voluntary rating system to identify child care centers and homes that go beyond licensing and certification requirements. There are 784 STAR- rated homes and centers in Kentucky, and they received \$1.1 million incentive payments in 2006.
- The Division of Child Care offers a variety of **Professional Development** opportunities for early care and education professionals. A credentialing system has been developed to promote the quality of Professional Development. The number of early care and education professionals who have been impacted are:
 - The Commonwealth Child Care Credential - 732
 - Early Care and Education Trainer's Credential - 883
 - The Director's Credential - 447
 - Child Development Associate Credential Non-College Scholarship Program - 1,337
 - Milestone Awards - 214 *for SFY 2007*
 - Related Educational Awards - 203 *for SFY 2007*

